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23. (currently amended) The distributed-information management method according to Claim 22, wherein the processing device monitors, as the operation situation, the presence or absence of calls, the amount of traffic, and the amount of various processed data using the mobile terminal in accordance with ~~the execution of the waiting program with the processing device~~ mobile-terminal.

24. (currently amended) The distributed-information management method according to Claim 21, wherein the processing device detects the arrival of the timing for distributing the information on the basis of reception from the information distribution server in accordance with ~~the execution of the waiting program with the processing device~~ mobile-terminal.

25. (currently amended) The distributed-information management method according to Claim 21, wherein an operating system, said application programs ~~a processing program, the~~ said waiting program, and the priority between said waiting program and said application programs ~~of the program and the processing program~~ are stored ~~to~~ in the memory with the mobile terminal, and

~~processing of the~~ said waiting program or said application programs ~~and the processing program~~ is executed with the processing device in accordance with the priority thereof under the operating system ~~with the mobile terminal~~.

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26. (currently amended) The distributed-information management method according to ~~Claim 25~~Claim 21, wherein the processing under ~~the execution of said waiting~~ program is interrupted and ~~the said application processing~~ program is started, upon detecting a request for processing said application ~~the processing~~ program during execution of said waiting program with the processing device ~~processing of the program under the operating system with the mobile terminal~~.

27. (canceled).

28. (previously presented) The distributed-information management method according to Claim 21, wherein the request for distributing the information has a user ID for identifying a user of the mobile terminal.

29. (currently amended) ~~A~~The distributed-information management method according to claim 20, ~~wherein for distributing information to a plurality of mobile terminals from an information distribution server via a network, the mobile terminal including a memory for storing a program and a processing device, the distributed information management method comprising:~~
~~—— monitoring a situation of the mobile terminal under control of the processing device in accordance with the program and detecting arrival of a timing for~~

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~~distributing information set to the mobile terminal as a result of monitoring the mobile terminal;~~

~~—transmitting, to the information distribution server, a request for distributing the information based on preset contents of the distributed information under the control of the processing device in accordance with the program stored in the mobile terminal;~~

~~—receiving the information distributed from the information distribution server in response to the request for distributing the information at the mobile terminal; and,~~

~~—outputting the received information to an interface for outputting the information under the control of the processing device in accordance with the program stored in the mobile terminal;~~

~~—wherein the processing device receives a request for changing an output form of the output information in accordance with the execution of said waiting program via an input interface of the mobile terminal, and~~

the processing device changes an output form of the distributed information in response to the request for distributing the information in accordance with the execution of said waiting program, and outputs the changed output to an output interface of the mobile terminal.

30. (currently amended) A mobile terminal apparatus for receiving information distributed from an information distribution server via a network,

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comprising a memory for storing a waiting program that receives the information distributed from the information distribution server and displays the distributed information on a waiting screen of the mobile terminal and application programs that realizes at least an email function and a phone function and a processing device that executes said programs,

~~wherein a situation of the mobile terminal is monitored under control of the processing device in accordance with the program and arrival of a timing for distributing information set to the mobile terminal apparatus is detected as the monitoring result,~~

wherein an operation situation based on execution of said application programs with the processing device and detecting arrival of a timing for distributing information by generation of the operation situation that satisfies a predetermined criteria for the operation situation under execution of the waiting program with the processing device;

a request for distributing the information based on preset contents of the distributed information is transmitted to the information distribution server under the control of the processing device in accordance with ~~the~~ execution of said waiting program,

the information distributed from the information distribution server is received in response to the request for distributing the information,

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the received information is output to an interface for outputting the information under the control of the processing device in accordance with the execution of said waiting program.

the processing device starts athe waiting program that is stored in the memory, ~~is included in the program, and~~ controls athe waiting screen ~~on the mobile terminal,~~ upon detecting the arrival of the timing for distributing the information in accordance with the execution of the waiting program.

the processing device transmits the request for distributing the information in accordance with execution of the waiting program, and

the processing device outputs the distributed information to a waiting screen as the output interface for outputting the distributed information in accordance with execution of the waiting program.

31. (canceled).

32. (currently amended) The mobile terminal apparatus according to ~~Claim 31~~Claim 30, wherein the processing device monitors, as the operation situation, the presence or absence of calls, the amount of traffic, and the amount of various processed data using the mobile terminal in accordance with execution of the waiting program with the processing device.

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33. (currently amended) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 30, wherein the processing device detects the arrival of the timing for distributing the information on the basis of reception from the information distribution server in accordance with ~~the~~execution of the waiting program.

34. (currently amended) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 30, wherein an operating system, said application programs~~a processing program~~, ~~the~~said waiting program, and the priority ~~of the~~ between said waiting program and the application programs ~~processing program~~ are stored ~~to~~in the memory, and processing of ~~the~~said waiting program ~~and the processing program or said application programs~~ is executed in with the processing device accordance with the priority thereof under the operating system.

35. (currently amended) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim ~~34~~Claim 30, wherein the processing under ~~the~~execution of said waiting program is interrupted and ~~the processing~~ said application program is started, upon detecting a request for ~~processing the processing~~ executing said application program during execution of said waiting ~~processing of the program under the operating system~~.

36. (canceled).

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37. (previously presented) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 30, wherein the request for distributing the information having a user ID for identifying a user of the mobile terminal is transmitted.

38. (currently amended) A~~The~~ mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 30, ~~for receiving information distributed from an information distribution server via a network, comprising a memory for storing a program and a processing device,~~
~~wherein a situation of the mobile terminal is monitored under control of the processing device in accordance with the program and arrival of a timing for distributing information set to the mobile terminal apparatus is detected as the monitoring result,~~
~~a request for distributing the information based on preset contents of the distributed information is transmitted to the information distribution server under the control of the processing device in accordance with the program,~~
~~the information distributed from the information distribution server is received in response to the request for distributing the information,~~
~~the received information is output to an interface for outputting the information under the control of the processing device in accordance with the program, wherein~~
~~the processing device receives a request for changing an output form of the output information in accordance with the~~execution of said waiting program via an input interface, and

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the processing device changes an output form of the distributed information in response to the request for distributing the information in accordance with the execution of said waiting program, and outputs the changed output to an output interface.